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UNITED STATES STRIKE COMMAND  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF  
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA



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Lt Gen Marshall S. Carter  
Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Carter:

The United States Strike Command (USSTRICOM) with Headquarters at MacDill AFB, Florida, will conduct Joint Exercise SWIFT STRIKE III in the North and South Carolina maneuver area during the period 21 July to 16 August 1963. I have enclosed a schedule of significant events for your information.

I wish to extend to you my personal invitation to visit Exercise SWIFT STRIKE III at a time of your choice, and to assure you of our warm welcome.

Joint Exercise SWIFT STRIKE III will be a semi-controlled exercise stressing free maneuver between two opposing forces, and providing maximum opportunities for commanders at all echelons from squads upward to exercise initiative, tactical judgment, imagination and leadership. USSTRICOM will be the Director Controller Headquarters and will employ two joint task forces (JTF) in opposing roles. The Red JTF will consist of the III U. S. Army Corps composed of the 2d and 5th Infantry Divisions, and the 12th Air Force composed of 13 fighter and reconnaissance squadrons and a troop carrier group. The Blue JTF will consist of the XVIII Airborne Corps composed of the 82d and 101st Airborne Divisions, and the 9th Air Force composed of 16 fighter and reconnaissance squadrons, 16 troop carrier groups and 3 troop carrier squadrons. A joint unconventional warfare task force (JUWTF) will operate guerrilla forces in the Red Area, and the Red JTF will conduct counterinsurgency operations.

There are also several field tests and evaluations of new or improved methods and techniques included in the exercise that might be of interest to you. The more important ones are tactical air reconnaissance and aerial battlefield surveillance by both Army and

Air Force units; employment of a Command Directed Joint Logistical System; and coordination, control and regulation of air traffic in a combat area.

If you can visit Exercise SWIFT STRIKE III, and I hope that you will be able to do so, I would appreciate your advising my headquarters. We will arrange an itinerary for you if you will inform us of your planned mode of travel and date and time of arrival in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Sincerely,



PAUL D. ADAMS  
General  
Commander in Chief

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SCHEDULE OF MAJOR EVENTS  
EXERCISE SWIFT STRIKE III

Phase I	Conduct of air battle.	21 Jul - 3 Aug
	Deployment of JTF Red ground forces.	28 Jul - 3 Aug
Phase II	JTF Blue conducts airborne assault to seize airhead and annihilate Red Forces. Air battle continues.	4 - 7 Aug
	Administrative Break.	8 Aug
Phase III	JTF Red conducts offensive operations to reduce airhead. Air battle continues.	9 - 11 Aug
Phase IV	JTF Blue resumes offensive operations to annihilate Red Forces. Air battle continues.	12 - 14 Aug
Phase V	Operations continue, while JTF Blue detaches and deploys by air one Airborne Division for an emergency contingency mission elsewhere.	15 - 16 Aug
Phase VI	Critique	17 Aug
	Redeployment of Exercise Forces to home stations.	18 - 22 Aug

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*Gen. Carter will not be able to attend. He thinks M/ Gen. ☐ would be interested.*

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